

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 17, 2005. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 7-12, and 15-19 are rejected in the Office Action. Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21 are objected to in the Office Action. For the reasons described below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Title Objection

The Examiner objects to the title of the application as not being descriptive. Applicants have amended the title in response to this rejection. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner rejects Claims 3 and 11 because of certain informalities. Applicants have amended these claims to address the Examiner's objection. Therefore, reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, to expedite acceptance of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 9, and 17 to include the limitations of these allowable dependent claims.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 7-9, and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,671,085 issued to So et al. ("So"). The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, 12, and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2004/0091206 issued to Denkin et al. ("*Denkin*").

As mentioned above, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 9, and 17 to include the limitations of allowable Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 20, and 21, respectively. Therefore, for at least this reason, Claims 1, 9, and 17 should be in condition for allowance. Therefore,

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 9, and 17, as well as the claims that depend from these independent claims.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 3 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either *So* and *Denkin* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,661,570 issued to Nakaji ("*Nakaji*"). Claims 3 and 11 depend from independent Claims 1 and 9, respectively. For at least this reason, these claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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